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## NATIONAL TURKEY MARKET-AT-A-GLANCE

### DOMESTIC MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

The market tone on 8-16 lb. hens and 16-24 lb. toms was fully steady, with a firm undertone noted. Demand was light to moderate with most interest noted for deferred shipments. Trading was reported for prompt and deferred shipments of packers and private labels hens and toms. Offerings are light to adequate and held with confidence. Parts and meats trading was slow. Demand in a full range, light to good, mostly moderate. Offerings were mixed.



### EXPORT MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

Trading centered on tom full-cut wings and thigh meat, balance slow. Demand was moderate. Offerings were light to adequate. Sale of whole body toms that are packer labels were reported at 76 cents.

**WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS**, FROZEN 1/, CONSUMER SIZES, COMMODITY PACK OR EQUIVALENT, US GRADE A, CENTS PER LB, DELIVERED (MINIMUM 10,000 LB LOTS) **MARCH 28, 2006**

#### CURRENT SHIPMENTS 2/

#### FORWARD SHIPMENTS 6/

#### OPEN COMMITMENTS 7/

	OFFERS	SALES	WTD AVG	VOLUME (000)	WTD AVG	VOLUME (000)	DEL. PER	VOLUME (000)	DEL. PER
8-16 LB HENS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	67-69	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	67-68	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	67-68	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
16-24 LB TOMS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	67-68	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	67-68	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	67-68	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

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8-16 LB HENS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	67-70	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	67-68.25	68.25	68.25	720	70.25 71.25	720 160	MAY JUN	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	67-68	-	-	-				-	-
16-24 LB TOMS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	67-68	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	67-68.25	68.25	68.25	320	70.25 71.25	320 80	MAY JUN	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	67-68	-	-	-				-	-

1/ May include product stored at temperatures in range of 1 to 25 degrees F. 2/ Includes product priced for shipment within 14 days. 3/ Includes product with 3 percent broth basting. 4/ Includes product with 3-6 percent broth basting. 5/ Includes products with 6 percent broth basting. 6/ Includes product committed for pricing during the previous 24 hours but shipment in more than 14 days from date of commitment. 7/ Includes product committed during previous 24 hours at prices to be determined at later date.

**NATIONAL YOUNG TURKEY PARTS** INCLUDING BULK MEAT and FROZEN (UNLESS SPECIFIED), CENTS PER LB., DELIVERED FIRST RECEIVERS, PART AND FULL TRUCKLOTS AS OF 28 MARCH 2006.

The market tone on destrapped tenderloins, wing meat and scapula was steady to fully steady; balance of white meat mostly steady. Demand in a full range, mostly moderate. Offerings of destrapped tenderloins, wing meat and scapula light; balance generally adequate for buyers' needs. Some processors received active export inquiry in response to concerns about new regulations due to take effect in select export channels April 1. Trading moderate on tom drums and frozen thigh meat for export, balance slow. Fresh tom drums traded at 42-44 cents delivered export.

	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)
<b>DOMESTIC TRADING</b>				
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A 2/		F	115.00	120
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A--FRESH 2/	145.00		145.00	18
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/				
DRUMSTICKS, TOM		F	47.00	200
DRUMSTICKS, TOM--FRESH		F	46.00	80
DRUMSTICKS, HEN		M	43.00	40
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM	24.00-26.00		24.25	114
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN	24.00		24.00	20
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		F	40.00	6
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN		T	108.67	60
NECKS, TOM	31.00-35.00		32.71	105
NECKS, HEN				
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/		F	162.32	110
BREASTS, B/S, TOM--FRESH 3/	168.00		168.00	80
THIGH MEAT				
THIGH MEAT--FRESH		F	78.00	60
BREAST TRIM MEAT		F	115.00	40
SCAPULA MEAT		F	115.50	80
TENDERLOINS				
DESTRAPPED TENDERS		F	167.10	50
DESTRAPPED TENDERS--FRESH		F	167.86	70
WING MEAT WITH SKIN		F	70.00	7
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		F	21.00	40
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED--FRESH 4/		F	21.66	384
<b>EXPORT TRADING</b>				
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	45.00-46.00		45.33	120
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS				
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM				
TAILS		F	34.00	40
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		F	19.00	80
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	72.00-75.00		73.23	260

1/ CODES FOR LAST SIGNIFICANT TRADE (L.S.T.): M=MONDAY T=TUESDAY W=WEDNESDAY R=THURSDAY F=FRIDAY

2/ Breasts are bagged; rib, back, and wing meat included; and basted. 3/ Boneless and skinless without tenderloins. 4/ 15-20% fat with skin added.

**SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED TURKEY  
DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS**

	<u>RANGE</u>
TURKEYS Y HENS	98-129
TURKEYS Y TOMS UNDER 22#	94-129
TURKEYS Y TOMS 22-24#	93-129
TURKEYS Y TOMS 24-26#	92-129
TURKEYS Y TOMS 26 LBS & OVER	106-119

**SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA) PROCESSED TURKEY  
DELIVERED TO RETAILERS**

	<u>RANGE</u>
FRESH TURKEYS Y HENS 8-16#	88-96
FRESH TURKEYS Y TOMS 14-24#	88-96
FROZEN TURKEYS Y HENS 8-16#	67-72
FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 14-24#	67-72
FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 24-28#	67-80

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The market tone on tom drums was barely steady to fully steady with the strength noted on sized product to select destinations, tails steady to firm, balance of tom bulk parts steady to barely steady. Demand light to moderate. Offerings of tails short to light, tom drums light to fully adequate, balance of tom bulk parts adequate to fully adequate. The market tone on hen bulk parts was steady to barely steady. Demand light to moderate for the mixed availability. The market one on mechanically separated turkey was steady to fully steady for the light offerings. Domestic trading was moderate on white meat and tom wings, balance slow. Export trading centered on frozen thigh meat for export, balance slow. For domestic (fresh): wing meat with skin 77-81 mostly 77, scapula 118-123, breast trim 122, frozen Grade A 4-8 lb. breasts 118 cents delivered May.

DOMESTIC TRADING	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A 2/	115.00-116.00		115.60	100
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A--FRESH 2/		T	145.00	18
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/	99.00		99.00	40
DRUMSTICKS, TOM	46.00		46.00	14
DRUMSTICKS, TOM--FRESH	46.00		46.00	200
DRUMSTICKS, HEN	42.00		42.00	20
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM	22.00-25.00		23.64	294
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN	24.00		24.00	20
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM	38.00-40.00		38.33	120
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN	112.00		112.00	20
NECKS, TOM	35.00		35.00	14
NECKS, HEN				
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/		F	162.32	110
BREASTS, B/S, TOM--FRESH 3/	162.00-171.00		165.00	200
THIGH MEAT				
THIGH MEAT--FRESH		F	78.00	60
BREAST TRIM MEAT	116.00		116.00	40
SCAPULA MEAT	116.00		116.00	40
TENDERLOINS				
DESTRAPPED TENDERS		F	167.10	50
DESTRAPPED TENDERS--FRESH		F	167.86	70
WING MEAT WITH SKIN		F	70.00	7
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		F	21.00	40
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED--FRESH 4/	22.00-25.00		24.27	98
EXPORT TRADING				
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS		T	45.33	120
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS	26.00		26.00	40
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM				
TAILS		F	34.00	40
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		F	19.00	80
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	74.00		74.00	280

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**BREEDER TURKEYS CERTIFIED IN CALIFORNIA 03/22/06**

**POULTRY HEALTH BOARD**

SEASON	HEAVY WHITE	CUMULATIVE HEAVY WHITE	ALL BREEDS
JULY 1 TO JUNE 30			
2005-2006		No Report Issued.	
2004-2005			